

Vacationing in Missouri



One of Missouri's most valuable industries is tourism, and tourists use road maps to get to where they are going. So grab your Missouri state highway map and let's imagine we're taking a vacation to see some of Missouri's exciting places.

Let's start by loading the car and heading to our state capital, **1** _____, where we can stop to tour the Capitol building or visit the governor's mansion. Now travel north on US Highway 63 about 32 miles to Columbia and visit **2** _____, the oldest land grant university west of the Mississippi River. From Columbia, travel west on Interstate 70 and exit on Highway 41. Go about 17 miles north to **3** _____, a national historic landmark.

We now travel back to I-70 and continue west to Independence, where the library and museum of our 33rd president, **4** _____, are located.

From there, let's continue on I-70 to **5** _____, the city of fountains. Then, head north on Interstate 29, ending in **6** _____, the staging area of the Pony Express.

From St. Joseph, head east on US 36 all the way to the "Big Muddy" and the home of author **7** _____ in Hannibal.

Now we head on a southeast course on the Scenic River Road 79 and then travel east on I-70 into St. Charles. While there, visit the site where the famous western explorers **8** _____ and **9** _____ set off in 1804 to map the Louisiana Territory.

Our next stop is the second largest city in the state, **10** _____ where you can ride to the top of The Gateway Arch and enjoy the view of Missouri and Illinois. A must-see is the Old Courthouse where the historic **11** _____ case was tried. While in St. Louis, don't miss the favorite tourist spot of Forest Park, home of the 1904 **12** _____ and the world famous St. Louis Zoo.

Continue South on Interstate 55 to Kimmswick and visit **13** _____ State Park. Now we're ready for our journey to **14** _____, the oldest French settlement west of the Mississippi. From Ste. Genevieve, travel south on I-55 to Cape Girardeau to **15** _____, a park memorializing a terrible time in Cherokee/American history.

It's time for dinner—let's enjoy a meal at Lambert's in Sikeston. Now, back in the car, travel west on US Highway 60 through _____ **16** National Forest. Then, we'll arrive in **17** _____, where we can tour the home of the author of the "Little House on the Prairie," Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Our next stop near Springfield is a famous Civil War battlefield, **18** _____, which was the first major conflict in the Civil War west of the Mississippi.

Let's continue heading west on US 60 until we go north on Highway 59 to the national monument honoring the scientist **19** _____, whose is famous for his work with peanuts.

Now travel north on Hwy. 59-71 through Nevada to Highway M, jog northeast on Hwy. M to the State Historic Site of the Native American Nation of the **20** _____.

The last leg of our journey will take us through the man-made recreation area **21** _____. To get there go east on Hwy. M, then south on AA and head east on US 54. Finally, continue east on US Highway 54 to Jefferson City and relax after your whirlwind tour of our "Show-Me" state.

KEY: 1. Jefferson City 2. University of Missouri or "Mizzou" 3. Arrow Rock 4. Harry Truman 5. Kansas City 6. St. Joseph 7. Mark Twain/Samuel Clemens 8. Lewis 9. Clark 10. St. Louis 11. Dred Scott 12. World's Fair 13. Mastodon 14. Ste. Genevieve 15. Trail of Tears 16. Mark Twain 17. Mansfield 18. Wilson's Creek 19. George Washington Carver 20. Osage 21. Lake of the Ozarks

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